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(U) Orange – Cyberattack Cost Orange County Transportation Authority \$660,000 to Fix

(U) A cyberattack leveled against the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) froze some of its computer systems for two days this year while hackers demanded ransom to unfreeze them, an incident that ultimately cost the transit agency \$660,000, according to a spokesman for the authority. The 4 February attack was carried out by unknown hackers, who sought \$8,500 to unfreeze 88 of the authority's approximately 400 servers, which were disabled by a malicious computer program. OCTA did not pay the ransom and opted to ignore the demand, choosing instead to have staff and contractors work until they had restored all infected servers, which took two and a half days.

SOURCE: 5 August 2016, [The Orange County Register](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Nevada – Jeep Hackers Show New Methods at Black Hat Convention

(U) Las Vegas – A pair of well-known hackers has found another way to take control of a Jeep Cherokee — this time while it's moving at high speed. Charlie Miller and Chris Valasek grabbed headlines last year by showing how they could kill a Jeep's engine while it was traveling down a highway. At the Black Hat hacker conference yesterday the pair demonstrated how they could again take control of the Jeep Cherokee, this time by sending false messages to its internal network. That allowed them to do new things, such as making the vehicle turn sharply while it was speeding down a country road. The pair's previous hack only allowed them to control the Jeep Cherokee's steering if it was moving at less than 5 mph.

SOURCE: 4 August 2016, [Associated Press](#)

(U) New York – Feds Arrest More than 40 Alleged Mafia Members in Five States

(U) Brooklyn – US authorities arrested more than 40 suspected Mafia members in five states yesterday on charges including racketeering, extortion, loan sharking, smuggling, arson and gun trafficking. A federal indictment unsealed in New York tied 46 defendants to four of the city's five major Mafia outfits - the Genovese, Gambino, Luchese and Bonanno families. Other suspects were part of the main Philadelphia family, the indictment said. The arrests were made in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Florida, an FBI spokeswoman said. In a second indictment unsealed in Massachusetts, two of the defendants were accused of working for the Genovese family in a separate extortion scheme, along with three other members of the family.

SOURCE: 4 August 2016, [Reuters](#)

(U) Pennsylvania – Quarter-Ton of Cocaine Seized

(U) Philadelphia – Pennsylvania investigators said yesterday they charged six people after recovering more than a quarter ton of cocaine from a Philadelphia warehouse and two vehicles. Authorities claim the defendants are part of a drug ring that smuggled cocaine from Puerto Rico and the Dominican

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Republic to the United States. The 511 pounds of cocaine was estimated to have a street value of \$23 million.

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(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Bangladesh – Two Men Arrested for Alleged Involvement in Attack**

(U) Dhaka – Two men who had not been heard from since last month's restaurant attack in Bangladesh were arrested yesterday on allegations they were involved in the deadly siege carried out by radical Islamists. British national Hasnat Karim and University of Toronto student Tahmid Hasib Khan were arrested in different areas of the capital, Dhaka. Five armed gunmen attacked the Holey Artisan Bakery restaurant on 1 July, killing 20 people and holding others inside hostage. Security forces stormed the restaurant killing the gunmen and rescuing the remaining 13 hostages.

SOURCE: 4 August 2016, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Turkey – 20 Suspected ISIL Members Arrested

(U) Istanbul – Turkish police detained 20 suspected members of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) in the southern city of Adana yesterday, the private Dogan news agency reported. It said anti-terror police, supported by a helicopter, staged simultaneous raids on 22 addresses in the city after a tip-off that ISIL cells were planning attacks. The suspects, who included senior local figures in the group, were taken to Adana police headquarters for questioning.

SOURCE: 4 August 2016, [Reuters](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER**(U) Arizona – Joint US-Mexico Border Inspections Shorten Waiting Times**

(U) Nogales – Federal authorities say a program that allows US and Mexico officers to jointly inspect commercial trucks heading north has drastically reduced border crossing wait times in Arizona. US Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Gil Kerlikowske and his Mexican counterpart, Ricardo Trevino, said at a news conference that wait times for certain cargo shipments from Mexico into the US dropped from three to four hours to just 25 minutes. The pilot program that began last week includes only trucks enrolled in a special anti-terrorism program that allows them to go through expedited inspections.

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